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concede the right of existence to any periodical which will appear with reasonable regularity and promptness, but both patronage and sympathy are largely lacking for the "slow," magazine, while the tendency is unmistakable that it should be entirely withheld from the "one-number" class of bird journals.



Official Minutes of Northern Division.

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY.

The Division met at the residence of E. H. Skinner, San Jose, Cal. Jan. 12, with thirteen members present and M. P. Anderson as a visitor. The program of the evening was first given as follows:—Talk, "The Distribution of Certain Bird Races in California" by Joseph Grinnell, illustrated by drawings; Talk, "Introduced Birds in the Hawaiian Islands," R. C. McGregor, exemplified by skins. Five previously proposed members were made active members, as follows:—F. H. Fowler, R. E. Snodgrass and J. F. Illingworth of Palo Alto; J. S. Burcham of Stanford University and M. P. Anderson of Menlo Park. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Joseph Grinnell; Vice President, H. R. Taylor; Secretary, C. Barlow; Treasurer, D. A. Cohen.

At the juncture of Mr. Emerson's retiring from the chair Mr. H. R. Taylor arose and presented him with a testimonial from the Division for his noteworthy administration. The following names were proposed for active membership; Chas. M. Mannon and C. A. Love of San Francisco and A. C. Herre of Palo Alto. Mr. Emerson addressed the meeting urging the appointment of a Bird Protection Committee within the Club, suggesting fifteen members from each Division. The motion was passed and a complete list of committeemen will be found on another page.

Resolutions were passed combining the office of business manager with that of the editor, who is empowered to collect and expend all Club funds. The meeting now adjourned to a banquet where addresses were delivered by ex-president Emerson on "A Retrospect of 1900" and by President Grinnell on "The Outlook for 1901."

An adjourned meeting of the Club was held on the morning of Jan. 13 with nine members in attendance. A Program Committee was created, to consist of three members. On motion the acting president was constituted Executive Committee of the Club. A committee of three was appointed to draft a new constitution and by-laws, it being suggested that the annual dues be made \$2, beginning with 1902. Other committees were retained. The president made the following announcements:—Committee on Constitution, R. C. McGregor (Chairman); E. H. Skinner and T. J. Hoover. Program Committee, J. O. Snyder (Chairman), W. K. Fisher and F. H. Fowler; Editor and Business Manager, C. Barlow; Associate Editor, Walter K. Fisher.

MARCH.

The bi-monthly meeting was held at the home of W. Otto Emerson at Haywards, March 2 with eighteen members present and Joseph Grinnell presiding. Under the election of active members the following were added to the roll: Chas. M. Mannon, San Francisco; C. A. Love, San Francisco; A. C. Herre, Palo Alto; R. N. Diggles, Palo Alto; Prof. Vernon L. Kellogg, Stanford University; Geo. Coleman, Stanford; Leon Hottel, Napa; Verna Dresser, Pismo; Wm. N. Ingram, Pacific Grove; H. M. Holland, San Diego; Chase Littlejohn, Redwood City; H. R. Johnson, Palo Alto; Geo. H. Sharpe, Vacaville; M. French Gilman, Banning; W. F. Dean, Three Rivers; Prof. W. E. Ritter, Berkeley; Miss Ellen Mathews, Stanford; Miss Lillian M. Julien, Yreka; Miss Bertha L. Chapman, Oakland; Miss Bertha F. Herrick, Oakland and Miss Helen Swett, Alameda.

Chas. M. Mannon was invited to address the meeting on the proposition of the Club becoming incorporated. On motion a committee was ordered named by the president to draft suitable resolutions and to have matters in readiness to proceed with the work of incorporation at a special meeting to be called by the president. In anticipation of this action, the constitution committee was discharged. Mr. Mannon was extended a vote of thanks for his lucid presentation of the matter.

The program of the evening was taken up. A paper on "Two Years with Mexican Birds" by E. H. Skinner was read. Walter K. Fisher gave a talk on "Life Zones," and was followed with remarks by Walter E. Bryant. A paper entitled "Eggs from American Barn Owls in Captivity" was read by Donald A. Cohen. Mr. Grinnell read a paper entitled "Extracts from Publications Concerning Early Californian Ornithology." On motion the meeting adjourned, to meet next at Stanford University on May 4.

MAY.

An open meeting was held in the lecture-room at Stanford University May 4, with large attendance. Jno. O. Snyder delivered a brief talk styled "A Day With the Birds of Tampico, Mexico." Robert E. Snodgrass spoke at length on "The Galapagos Islands," dealing with their general features. Edmund Heller followed with a talk on "Galapagos Birds."

A committee was appointed to prepare a draft of new constitution to be presented at the next meeting. The names of Miss Ora Boring of Palo Alto, Willis H. Jackson of Pescadero, H. R. Noack of Berkeley, J. S. Appleton of Simi and P. C. Mitchell of Downey were proposed for active membership. A communication from Frank S. Daggett recommending the formation of chapters in the Club was read and favorably received. The July meeting will be held at Santa Clara.

C. BARLOW, Secretary.

